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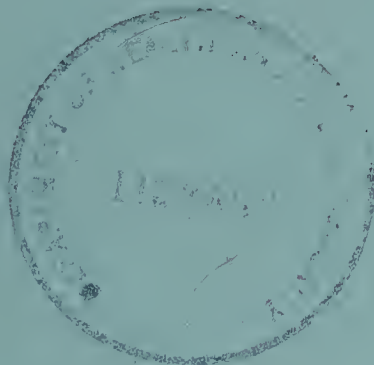
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Urban District of Portslade-by-Sea.

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1968

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1968 compiled in accordance with the directions of the Ministry of Health.

Vital Statistics

The Registrar General's estimate of population for mid-year is 18,350, a decrease of 10 on the previous year. The 1961 Census Report gave the population as 15,750 : 7,451 males and 8,299 females.

The death rate corrected by the Registrar General's comparability factor of 1.02 was 12.71 compared with a 1967 rate of 11.49. The number of deaths from all causes was 229 (1967 – 209)—132 males and 97 females. An analysis of the main causes of deaths will be found on page 46 of this report. Deaths from lung cancer 16 (1967 – 11).

The birth rate corrected by the Registrar General's comparability factor of 0.98 was 20.23, compared with 18.19 in 1967. The total number of live births 379—204 males and 175 females. There were 18 illegitimate live births, giving an illegitimacy rate of 4.75 per cent (1967 – 6.45 per cent). The figure for stillbirths 4 (1967 – 8), with a stillbirth rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths of 10.44 (1967 – 22.9). Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year) 11 (1967 – 3). Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births 29.02 (1967 – 8.79). Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births 30.47 (1967 – 9.40). Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births, Nil (1967 – Nil). Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births 21.10 (1967 – 8.79). Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births) 18.46 (1967 – 5.86). Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths) 28.72 (1967 – 28.65). Maternal deaths, Nil (1967 – Nil).

Infectious Diseases

136 cases of Infectious Diseases were notified during 1968 compared with 367 in 1967. Scarlet Fever accounted for 77 of these, Measles – 29, Whooping Cough – 11, Dysentery – 16, Infective Jaundice – 2, Pneumonia – 1.

The number of cases on the Tuberculosis Register was 5 less than the previous year at 142. 1 new case was added during the year and there was 2 Inward Transfers, 4 removals and 1 recovered.

Smallpox Vaccination

	1967	1968
Number vaccinated (under 16 years)	333	297
Number re-vaccinated (under 16 years)	10	17

Mass Radiography

The Unit carried out surveys during the year and the actual number of people taking advantage of this service is given on page 15 of this report.

B.C.G. Vaccination

Table on page 16 sets out particulars of the work done in this field.

Audiometry

Figures relating to this service are given on page 16.

Old People

Supervision and advice and, on occasion, assistance towards admission to a County Welfare Home or Hospital, are provided by the Geriatric Health Visitors on my staff. There were no Compulsory Removals in Portslade during the year under Section 47 of the National Assistance Act, 1948.

Conclusion

I have once again to record my thanks to the Clerk of the Council, Mr. Tozer, and the Surveyor, for their help at all times and also particularly the Public Health Inspector, Mr. Donald, whose co-operation and conscientious service has relieved me of any anxiety about the ordinary routine of the public health services.

I am most appreciative of the support and encouragement I have received at all times from the members of the Public Health and Housing Committee.

N. I. CONDON,
Medical Officer of Health.

VITAL STATISTICS 1968

ENGLAND & WALES—PERSONS

Estimated Mid-Year Home Population, 48,593,000 (*provisional data*).

	<i>Number</i>	<i>Rate</i>
Live births.. ..	822,000*	16.9 per 1,000 population
Stillbirths	12,000*	14.0 per 1,000 total births
Deaths	577,000	11.9 per 1,000 population
Infant Mortality (deaths under 1 year of age) ..	15,000	18.0 per 1,000 live births
Neonatal Mortality (deaths under 4 weeks of age) ..	10,100	12.3 per 1,000 live births
Early Neonatal Mortality (deaths under 1 wk. of age)	8,600	10.5 per 1,000 live births
Perinatal Mortality (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week of age)	20,600	25.0 per 1,000 total births

*Estimated.

VITAL STATISTICS 1968

Population : 18,350.

Area (Acres) : 1,961

DEATHS :	Total	M	F
	229	132	97

Death Rate : 12.47 (Standard).
12.71 (Corrected).

Deaths from :

Measles (all ages)	Nil
Whooping Cough (all ages) ..	Nil
Diarrhoea (under 2 years) ..	1
Pneumonia	12
Cancer (all forms)	51

	Total	M	F
Live Births	379	204	175

Live Birth rate per 1000 population .. 20.65 (Standard)
20.23 (Corrected)

Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births : 4.75%

Stillbirths .. 4	—	—	—
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Rate per 1000 Total live and stillbirths : 10.44

Total Live and Still Births ..	383	207	176
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	Total	M.	F.
Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year)	11	7	4
Infant Mortality Rates :			
Total infant deaths per 1000 total live births ..			29.02
Legitimate infant deaths per 1000 Legitimate live births			30.47
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1000 Illegitimate live births			Nil
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1000 total live births)			21.10
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1000 total live births)			18.46
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1000 total live and stillbirths)			28.72
Maternal Mortality (inclusive abortion) :			
Number of deaths			Nil
Rate per 1000 total live and stillbirths			Nil

DEATHS 1968

	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
Enteritis and Other Diarrhoeal Diseases ..	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm — Stomach ..	5	3
Malignant Neoplasm — Lung, Bronchus ..	13	3
Malignant Neoplasm — Breast	—	4
Malignant Neoplasm — Uterus	—	1
Leukaemia	1	3
Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc. ..	7	11
Diabetes Mellitus	—	1
Meningitis	—	1
Other diseases of Nervous System, etc. ..	2	1
Hypertensive Disease	2	2
Ischaemic Heart Disease	35	16
Other Forms of Heart Disease	5	5
Cerebrovascular Disease	17	12
Other Diseases of Circulatory System ..	6	3
Influenza	6	6
Bronchitis and Emphysema	12	4
Peptic Ulcer	1	1
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia ..	2	—
Cirrhosis of Liver	—	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	—	2
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System ..	—	2
Diseases of Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue ..	1	—

Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System ..	1	—
Congenital Anomalies	2	2
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc. ..	1	—
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality ..	2	1
Symptoms and Ill-defined Conditions ..	—	1
All other accidents	2	7
Suicide and Self-inflicted injuries ..	2	1
	132	97
Total	229	

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES.

DRAINAGE.

The whole of the public roads in the district are sewered by gravitation on the water carriage system.

All houses in the District are connected to the public sewers with the following exceptions :

HOUSES SERVED BY CESSPOOLS.

There are 8 houses served by cesspools.

All sewerage is discharged into intercepting sewers which are under the control of the Portslade and Southwick Outfall Sewerage Board. Disposal is by means of Sea Outfall owned by the Board.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR. The Public Health Inspector has prepared the following Annual Statement of his visits and notices :

Houses inspected for housing defects ..	224
Number of inspections made for the purpose.	673
Houses inspected under Public Health Acts ..	207
Number of inspections made for that purpose	623
Number of complaints received.	360
Informal Notices served (P.H. & H. Act) ..	49
Formal Notices served (P.H. & H. Act) ..	12
Houses found dirty or verminous ..	19
Defective and Choked Drains	41
Defective Closets	8

Defective Sinks	..	..	..	14
Defective Roofs and Gutters	..	..	..	27
Damp Walls and Ceilings	..	..	..	99
Defective Walls and Ceilings	..	..	..	42
Defective Floors	..	..	..	14
Defects to Windows, Doors, etc.	..	..	..	61
Defects to Grates	..	..	..	4
Defects to Chimneys	..	..	..	5
Defective Paving	..	..	..	2

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

The destruction of rats and mice has been successfully continued throughout the year, both in surface properties and in the Council's sewers.

During the year 153 rat and 40 mice infestations were dealt with on surface properties and 1 sewer treatment carried out.

The increase in surface infestation is mainly due to the large quantities of refuse dumped throughout the district.

The treatment is now free to all properties.

Eradication of Vermin.

During the year 19 houses were found to be in a dirty or verminous condition and of these, 11 were disinfested by spraying with insecticides.

This work has been carried out by the Council and the cost of materials has been charged to the Owner or Occupier.

HOUSING ACCOMMODATION

PROVIDED AT DECEMBER, 1968

Council Houses and Flats	..	..	1,194
Old Peoples Bungalows	..	..	33
Other Properties purchased by Council	..	..	11
Total			1,238

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES.

1. *Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year :*

(1) (a)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	224
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	673
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	—
(3)	Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	224

2. *Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices.*

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	21
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INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955. SECTION 16.

There are 51 premises registered for the sale of Ice Cream and 11 premises registered for the preparation or manufacture of sausages, pickled or preserved food.

There were 98 inspections of registered premises throughout the year.

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1960.

During the year 189 inspections of food premises were made and in 5 of them infringements of the Regulations were found.

Notices were served in respect of the following items :—

Provision of First Aid Materials	..	..	3
Display of Notices requiring persons to wash their hands after using sanitary convenience	..	..	4
Provision of towels, soap, etc.	..	..	1
Dirty walls and ceilings	..	..	1
Food not adequately protected	..	..	1

1968

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION.

The following foodstuffs were inspected and found to be unfit for human consumption.

129	packets	of	Vegetables
93	„	„	Fish Steaks
16	„	„	Chips
10	„	„	Rissoles
20	„	„	Steak
23	„	„	Hamburgers
23	„	„	Fish Fingers
64	„	„	Mousse
7	„	„	Minced Beef
17	„	„	Pastry
7	„	„	Sweet Corn
14	„	„	Braised Beef
23	„	„	Shepherd's Pies
4	„	„	Cream Sponges
38	„	„	Chickens
8 lbs.	„	„	Sausages
1 cwt.	„	„	Potatoes
15 galls.	„	„	Ground Nut Oil
26 stones	„	„	Fish
398	cans	of	food

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Total number of registered premises at end of year 1968 :

Offices	..	..	24
Retail Shops	..	..	100
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses			8
Catering Establishments	..		14
Fuel Storage Depots	..		1

Number of Persons Employed :

Offices	..	..	375
Retail Shops	..	..	419
Warehouses	..	..	142
Catering Establishments	..		58
Canteen	..	..	2
Fuel Storage Depots	..		1
Total Males			476
Total Females			521

Total number of visits to registered premises : 160

Number of Contraventions of Act found :

Abstract of Act not exhibited		7
Thermometer not provided		9
Insufficient First Aid Materials		7
Insufficient Washing Facilities		2
Insufficient Sanitary Accommodation		2
Insufficient Heating	..	3
Insufficient Lighting	..	1
Number of Notices served		11

Number of Accidents in Registered Premises reported : 8

Premises not clean	..	2
Premises not in good repair		1

FACTORIES ACT, 1961.

PART 1 OF THE ACT.

INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises	Number on Register	Number of			Occupiers prosecuted
		Inspect'ns	Written Notices		
Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	14	87	1		—
Factories not included in above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	81	21	—		—
Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Outworkers Premises)	22	1	—		—
TOTAL ..	117	109	1		—

Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

Particulars	No. of cases in which defects were found					No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector		
Want of cleanliness (S.1.) ..	1	1	—	—	—	
Overcrowding (S.2) ..	—	—	—	—	—	
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ..	—	—	—	—	—	
Inadequate ventilation (S.4.) ..	—	—	—	—	—	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ..	—	—	—	—	—	
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)						
(a) insufficient ..	1	1	—	—	—	
(b) unsuitable or defective ..	—	—	—	—	—	
(c) not separate for sexes ..	—	—	—	—	—	
TOTAL ..	2	2	—	—	—	

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

(Sections 133 and 134)

<i>Nature of Work</i>	Section 133			Section 134		
	<i>No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133(1)(c)</i> (2)	<i>No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council</i> (3)	<i>No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists</i> (4)	<i>No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises</i> (5)	<i>Notices served</i> (6)	<i>Prosecutions</i> (7)
(1)						
Wearing Apparel : Making, etc. Cleaning and Washing	55 Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil
Furniture and Upholstery	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Artificial Flowers etc.	2	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	58	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

PORTSLADE MASS RADIOGRAPHY

Period 1st January to 31st December, 1968

Total X-rayed Male	Total X-rayed Female	Total X-rayed
981 (1,660)	812 (764)	1,793 (2,424)

Of the above total 658 (527) people were sent to the Unit for X-ray examination by their family doctor.

1967 Figures in brackets.

CYTOLOGY 1968

Number of Clinics held in Portslade

14

Number of Smears taken

198

Number referred to G.P.

34

Note.—Clinics were gradually transferred from Portslade to Hove during 1968 which accounts for the fact that the numbers have decreased.

B.C.G. 1968

<i>School</i>	<i>No. Skin Tested</i>	<i>No. Positive</i>	<i>No. Negative</i>	<i>No. Vaccinated</i>
Mile Oak (Approved) ..	23	4	18	18
Portslade Secondary Boys	55	1	52	52
Portslade Secondary Girls	66	10	53	53
Downs	13	2	9	9
Hillside Junior T.C. ..	10	—	10	10
	<u>167</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>142</u>	<u>142</u>

AUDIOMETRY 1968

Clinic	New Cases			Re-check Cases		
	Examined	Passed	Failed	Examined	Passed	Failed
County Clinic	85	75	10	—	—	—
Mile Oak Clinic	184	166	18	17	14	3
	<u>269</u>	<u>241</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>3</u>

TUBERCULOSIS—PORTSLADE—1968

	New Cases				Inward Transfers				Deaths				Other Removals				Recovered				Cases on Register				Totals					
	Pul.		Non-Pul.		Pul.		Non-Pul.		Pul.		Non-Pul.		Pul.		Non-Pul.		Pul.		Non-Pul.		Pul.		Non-Pul.		1967	1968				
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F						
Under 1																														
1— 5																														
5—10																														
10—15																														
15—20														1											4	1				
20—25																		1							5	3				
25—35														1	2										31	28				
35—45																									25	27				
45—65	1																								57	54				
Over 65																									25	29				
Totals	1							1	1					1	3										77	50	11	4	147	142

INFECTIOUS DISEASE, 1968.
DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR.

Disease.		Total cases Notified.	
		1967	1968
Scarlet Fever	.. .. .	7	77
Whooping Cough	.. .. .	—	11
Measles ..	.. .. .	355	29
Pneumonia	.. .. .	—	1
Dysentery	.. .. .	1	16
Food Poisoning	.. .. .	1	—
Erysipelas	.. .. .	2	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	.. .. .	1	—
Infective Jaundice	.. .. .	—	2
		<u>367</u>	<u>136</u>

SMALLPOX VACCINATION.
Return for period ended 31st, Dec., 1968.
Persons Aged under 16.

Age at date of vaccination	I. NUMBER OF PERSONS VACCINATED		II. NUMBER OF CASES SPECIALLY REPORTED DURING PERIOD.		
	OR RE-VACCINATED DURING PERIOD		(a) Generalised Vaccinia	(b) Post-Vaccinal Encephalomyelitis	(c) Death from com- plications of vaccina- tion other than (a) and (b)
	Number Vaccinated	Number re-Vaccinated			
0 to 3 mths	1	—	—	—	—
3 to 6 "	—	—	—	—	—
6 to 9 "	—	—	—	—	—
9 to 12 "	1	—	—	—	—
years					
1	252	—	—	—	—
2 to 4	26	5	—	—	—
5 to 15	17	12	—	—	—
TOTAL	297	17	—	—	—

VACCINATION OF PERSONS UNDER AGE 16 COMPLETED DURING 1968
Table 1—Completed Primary Courses : Number of persons under age 16

<i>Type of vaccine or dose</i>	<i>Year of birth</i>						<i>Others under age 16</i>	<i>Total</i>
	1968	1967	1966	1965	1961-64			
1. Quadruple DTPP ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	—	—
2. Triple DTP ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	131	270
3. Diphtheria/Pertussis ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	—	—
4. Diphtheria/Tetanus ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	—	20
5. Diphtheria ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	42
6. Pertussis ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	—	—
7. Tetanus ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	—	27
8. Salk ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	—	—
9. Sabin ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	119	369
10. Measles ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	—	696
11. Lines 1+2+3+4+5 (Diphtheria) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	132	332
12. Lines 1+2+3+6 (Whooping Cough) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	131	270
13. Lines 1+2+4+7 (Tetanus) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	131	317
14. Lines 1+8+9 (Polio) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	119	369

Table 2. Reinforcing Doses. Number of persons under age 16.

<i>Type of vaccine or dose</i>	<i>Year of birth</i>					<i>Others under age 16</i>	<i>Total</i>
	1968	1967	1966	1965	1961-64		
1. Quadruple DTPP	..	..	—	—	—	—	—
2. Triple DTP	..	..	54	14	13	—	220
3. Diphtheria/Pertussis	..	..	—	—	—	—	—
4. Diphtheria/Tetanus	..	..	2	12	6	11	287
5. Diphtheria	..	..	5	18	1	11	38
6. Pertussis	..	..	—	—	—	—	—
7. Tetanus	..	..	—	—	2	8	10
8. Salk	..	..	—	—	—	—	—
9. Sabin	..	..	8	14	4	18	292
10. Measles	..	..	—	—	—	—	—
11. Lines 1+2+3+4+5 (Diphtheria)	..	61	169	21	272	22	545
12. Lines 1+2+3+6 (Whooping Cough)	..	54	139	14	13	—	220
13. Lines 1+2+4+7 (Tetanus)	..	56	151	20	271	19	517
14. Lines 1+8+9 (Polio)	..	8	14	4	248	18	292

CHIROPODY SERVICE 1968 — PORTSLADE

As from 18th August, 1967, appointments in connection with this service in Portslade have been dealt with through the Hove Public Health Department, and the following figures give some indication of the work done.

PART 1

Number of persons treated during year ending
31st December, 1968

	<i>By local authorities</i>	<i>By voluntary organisations</i>	<i>Total</i>
	(1)	(2)	(3)
1. Persons aged 65* and over	79	—	79
2. Expectant mothers	—	—	—
3. Others	48	—	48
4. Total	127	—	127

*Age on date of first treatment during the period.

PART 2

Number of treatments given during year ending
31st December, 1968

	<i>By local authorities</i>	<i>By voluntary organisations</i>	<i>Total</i>
	(1)	(2)	(3)
1. In clinics	440	—	440
2. In patients' homes	119	—	119
3. In old people's homes ..	—	—	—
4. In chiropodists' surgeries ..	—	—	—
5. Total	559	—	559

PART 3

Number of treatments included in part 2 above which were paid
for by the Authority on the basis of fees per treatment

Local authorities	559
Voluntary organisations ..	—
Total	559

Previously the service was administered by the Portslade Senior Citizens' Club on behalf of the East Sussex County Council.

PORTSLADE CHILD GUIDANCE CLINIC

1968

During the year 62 new cases were referred to this clinic and a summary of the problems involved, by whom they were referred, and the manner in which they were dealt with is given below for Hove and East Sussex County children (including Portslade).

Referred by :

School Medical Officers	..	..	..	28
Family Doctors	..	..	..	17
Parents	..	..	..	4
Schools	..	..	..	1
Transferred from other Clinics		..	..	—
Children's Department	..	..	..	1
School Psychological Service		..	..	7
Hospitals	..	..	..	—
Probation Officers	..	..	..	3
Education Department	..	..	..	1

Problems :

Personality problems and nervous disorders	..	14
Habit Disorders	.. ..	8
Behaviour Disorders	.. ..	34
Educational and Vocational Difficulties	..	5
Special examinations for advice re placement	..	—
Special examinations for Juvenile Courts	..	1

How dealt with :

Advice	.. ..	7
Psychiatric treatment	.. ..	16
Coaching and treatment	.. ..	1
Periodic supervision	.. ..	1
Withdrawn before completion	.. ..	9
Awaiting diagnosis	.. ..	24
Transferred to other areas	.. ..	2
Transferred to supervision of Children's Department		—
Transferred to Hospitals	.. ..	—
Awaiting placement in Special School or Hospital	..	2

The total number of children treated by the service throughout the year was 112 (including children whose treatment commenced prior to 1968). An analysis of this figure is given to show the progress made by these children.

Analysis of treatment :

Still receiving psychiatric treatment, coaching, advice or supervision	.. .. .	78
Cases closed (withdrawn or unco-operative)	..	7
Cases closed (improved)	.. .. .	10
Transferred to, or awaiting placement in schools for maladjusted children, other boarding establishments or training centres	.. .. .	6
Left area	.. .. .	2
Transferred to other clinics	.. .. .	—
Awaiting final diagnosis interview	.. .. .	—
Closed—Maladjusted School-leavers' register	..	3
Transferred to Children's Dept.	.. .. .	—
Diagnostic only	.. .. .	4
Transferred to Hospital	.. .. .	1
Transferred to other Depts.	.. .. .	1

The following summary gives an indication of the work of the Clinic during the year :

Psychiatrist	Diagnostic interviews	41
	Treatment interviews	353
Educational Psychologist	Diagnostic interviews	57
(Child Guidance Cases)	Coaching interviews	29
	School visits	45
Child Psychotherapist	Treatment sessions	260
	Clinic interviews	165
	Visits	4
Social Worker	Interviews at Clinic	81
	School visits	2
	Home and other visits	117

